

Holt County Sentinel,
Oregon, Missouri.
FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 16, 1887.

A worthy poetical contribution is at hand this week, but unfortunately without the author's name.

Mr. FORMER's new book, "Letters from Europe," will be issued this week from the press of Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Bros., Philadelphia.

Mr. JACOB HARMANN has just erected an elegant two-story residence, one mile and a half south of town. The painting is being done by Mr. K. F. HONST, of Forest City.

On Tuesday morning last, a train of emigrants passed through town, bound for Nebraska, among whom was a young man about twenty-seven years of age, who had thirteen children, eight of which were twin boys.

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We take no notice of anonymous communications. It is time, we think, that all our readers should remember this. We now have on hands several articles, some possessing superior merits, but they will not be published just because the writers withhold their names. This is one of our rights which must be respected. We do not intend to be used, like a policeman's truncheon, to break peoples' heads, not knowing the author of the mischief ourselves.

LATE MUSIC.
We are indebted to Messrs. P. L. Huyett & Son, for a new piece of music, of their own publication, entitled "Yankee Robinson at Bull Run," an original comic Yankee song. Words by "Yankee" himself, music arranged for the piano by Geo. H. Briggs. Price 60 cents.

WORK ON THE RAILROAD.
Work is progressing briskly on the railroad in this county. Several gangs of hands are on the first ten miles above the Nodaway, which extends to Forest City. Capt. W. S. CANNON, of Forest City, has a contract for three miles commencing at that place and running northward, and is pushing the work forward with energy. It all looks like business. We understand \$4 per day is paid for teams.

N. W. INSURANCE CO.
Almost daily we may hear of some insurance company, heretofore considered sound, "going under," or proving to be only a paper company. This is often the fate of new companies, who start out with flaming advertisements, and solicit and take risks of all kinds, in remote districts where they are not known—risks perhaps refused by other and more prudent companies. In view of these facts, it is, of course, proper that our people look about them before insuring, lest they insure themselves for loss instead of against it. The North-Western Insurance Company, of St. Joseph, we are happy to say, does not belong to the class above mentioned. They take none but first class risks, hence avoid the danger of "swamping." Mr. S. M. RULLEY is the agent for this county. Applications may also be made at this office. See advertisement in another column.

CITY COUNCIL.
Oregon, Mo., Nov. 1th, 1887.
Board of Councilmen met pursuant to adjournment of last meeting. Present: Messrs. Curtis, Hart, Van Buskirk, Kyger and Marsh. J. S. Hart, President of the Board, presided.
Minutes of last two meetings were read and adopted.
Account of Michael Hawkins with the City of Oregon, showing a balance in his favor to the amount of \$2.00, was allowed.
Messrs. Basick and Cooper were appointed a committee to draft a bill, to be presented to the General Assembly for its action thereon, legalizing all acts of the officers of the City of Oregon since the year 1880.
Board adjourned to meet on the first Wednesday in December, 1887.
HORACE COOPER, Register.

THE CANTATA IMBROGLIO!
Mr. Editor: Agreeably to promise, I herewith transmit you the details of the "flag incident" mentioned in your last. It seems to me to be hardly deserving of notice, but since you think the community demands it, it is at your disposal.

To recount the affair just in the order, (or rather as I should say in the disorder) in which it occurred, would be somewhat difficult. It is known to most in this community that the choir of the Presbyterian Church had been engaged for some time in an oratorio of the book of Esther, with the view of giving a concert, the proceeds of which were to be appropriated to fitting up the church.

The members of the choir generally, as well as some who were not so, set about the work of erecting a stage, with commendable zeal. All, ladies and gentlemen, engaging in it with a hearty good will; the former furnishing the sheets, flowers, evergreens, &c., the latter bestowing their attentions mostly to the putting up of the frame work of the rostrum. All was about done that was deemed necessary, when some one thought, that should there be any wags in the gallery, they might peep over and see what was going on behind the curtains. To preclude this view, some one proposed that they put up the old flag, which happened to be at hand, and forthwith a couple of the young gentlemen set about stretching it, so as to embrace the north and south ends of the stage. But they, and all present, admit that it was put there as a screen simply. To this, however, some of the ladies present, whose radicalism no one doubts, objected on the ground that it was unsuitable for drapery in the house of God. And all the ladies, of whatever shade of politics, and it is presumed that they are pretty good judges of such things, objected on the score that the colors of our national banner were not suitable in that place as drapery. They simply thought that it was not in good taste.

And some of the ladies proposed to the young men who were engaged in putting it up, that if they would leave it down they would furnish hangings of a more suitable kind. To this or some such proposition, one of the young men replied that he had fought under that flag, and that it must hang there. This remark called forth the retort from one of the ladies, that she expected he was doing the running while others were doing the fighting. Several such retorts as the above passed and repassed. All present seemed to have forgotten, or cared not to remember that "a soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger."

The ladies as members of the choir and cantata had been favored with the right of suffrage, of which they availed themselves on more than one occasion. Whether the ladies engaged, hold to the doctrine of women's rights or not, I do not know; but they had been enjoying some rights, and these they did not feel disposed to yield without a remonstrance, or even a war of words. Besides, as they were also responsible for the taste displayed in decorating the stage, they thought that the flag, being in their judgment unsuitable as drapery, compromised that good taste; and hence they rebelled. They were, I understand, all rebels against it, but some carried their rebellion farther than others, and said they would not sing under it, and went so far as to leave the house.

It was just at this posture of affairs that news of the imbroglio came to our ears. We understood that so many were leaving that the oratorio would likely turn out a fiasco, and as it was lacking now but a few hours to the time of performance, it was necessary if anything be done at all to heal the matter, that it be done quickly.

Accordingly we went over to the church, and learning what all admit to be the fact, that the flag was put simply as a screen, we proposed as a peace measure, and in order that the concert might go on, that they substitute something else as drapery.

But now the stars and stripes were no longer regarded as a piece of dry goods. It had, and that in a very short time, totally lost its warp and woof character. In a few moments it had undergone quite a metamorphosis. How account for this sudden transformation? There hung the dry goods the same as when put up, without any variation in color, shape, size, or position. There was the same number of stripes on it, suggestive, said Lord Byron, of the stripes the nation used to lay on the backs of the negroes; there, too, was the same nocturnal view of the heavens, from whence our fathers derived the idea of denoting the States by stars in a field of blue; and there was the white in the flag too, but none the whiter from pallor or rage. We conclude therefore, that the imbroglio could not have arisen from any transformation in the flag

itself. Hence we can account for this little episode only on the principle of psychology. The change was subjective not objective; and in the minds of those present, not in the flag. All at once we were transferred back to the time when the nation, startled by the booming of cannon in Charleston Harbor, sprang to arms. At the mere suggestion that for peace's sake, we substitute something else for drapery, the spirit of '76, or '86, or some other spirit, rose to quite a high pitch, and desperate threats were made, admonitory of still more desperate deeds to be enacted. "That flag has got to stay there though the church be torn to pieces," &c., &c. And why all this furor and bluster? Simply this: A couple of ladies—say if you please they were instigated by the "animus of treason"—left the church declaring they would not sing while the flag was there. Well, what if that was the case, I doubt not the sun would have risen the next morning, and the union of these States preserved, though two or three, or even if all the women in Oregon had declared against, what, it is manifest all are in favor of union—to a man. If they were impelled by the animus of treason, I have no further apology to make for them. But is it so that they were? These same ones have repeatedly and voluntarily joined in celebrations where the flag of our country was waving. They say moreover that they would have objected as much to having the stars and bars in that place as the stars and stripes.

It was a little squall, and like squalls soon spent its force. The concert was given and repeated, and so far as the performance was concerned, was quite a success. All, I believe, were pleased, and some expressed themselves highly delighted with it.

Now, Mr. Sentinel, you have many Presbyterian readers who perhaps know but little, and many who know less of the essential features of Presbyterianism, and the part it has played in this model Republic. It is much older than our Government. It existed in all its purity before the foundation of our Government, and even before the discovery of America. It was persecution for Presbyterian principles that drove our forefathers to this continent. And those principles which they brought with them formed the basis of their colonial Government. These principles which they brought with them are the warp and woof of the republicanism of the Bible, which is only another name for Presbyterianism. Let any one compare our form of civil government with the government of the Presbyterian Church, and think he must admit that all true Republicanism has its origin in Presbyterianism. We have our official, legislative, judicial, and executive functions. As a judicial court, our church session corresponds to the magistrate's court; the presbytery with the county court; the synod with the state court, and the general assembly with the United States court.

Legislatively: The Church session corresponds with our township officers; the Presbytery with the board of county commissioners; the synod with the State legislature; and the general assembly with the Congress of the United States.

A lawyer once who saw the great similarity between the two, remarked that the government of our church must have been modeled after the government of the United States. "No," said the Presbyterian elder, "the government of the United States is modeled after the government of the Presbyterian Church." And then go back to the time that tried men's souls, and see the glorious record of our church, the part our ministers and members took both in the Continental Congress and in the field, and I think all will admit that unless she had acted her part in the struggle for independence, the colonies would, in all probability, have failed in achieving it. Sir, I am proud, as every American ought to be, and especially every Presbyterian. Its form of government is modeled after our church, containing as it does, all the grand features and outlines of Presbyterianism. My country and Government are dear to us as a heritage for which we are largely indebted to the blood and prayers of our Presbyterian forefathers. No other church has done so much to establish and perpetuate civil and religious freedom in this country. These things, to say nothing of the glorious liberty, civil and religious, which under the aegis of the best government the world ever saw, beget in us great love for our country's banner.

But, Mr. Editor, there is one banner that I, and all true Presbyterians love better than my country's—and that is the banner of the Cross. Nor do I love my country's flag any the less because I love the banner of the Cross more. Hence there is one banner, and one only before which I would, if need be, lower the banner of my country. The province of the Church and State all sound Presbyterians hold to be separate and distinct. The church, which is independent of the state, exists for the salvation of sinners. The State, which is less an ordinance of God, exists for the welfare of its citizens. This, briefly, is our theory. In times of great nation-

at crisis, our church always has given no uncertain sound; but these are the piping times of peace, and the highest authority with us says "to consult the things which make for peace," and in obedience thereto we did advise as a peace measure to substitute some other drapery than the flag; and for this we have been soundly abused. Evil and malicious persons have called us rebel and secessionist and so on; and they would, if they could, let slip the dogs of war against us. But our record is clear, and we challenge any man to point to anything that ever looked towards disloyalty. We have never spoken nor uttered: we never did write or indite, hew, cut, engrave, or carve any thing that savored of it. We never paid a cent, nor prayed a word, nor played the fife, nor beat the drum in the interests of the rebellion. In fine, Mr. Editor, we never marched to any other tune, nor kept step to any other music than that of the Union. We ask certain ones to please remember this, and with it remember the Ninth Commandment, which is, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

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